

Film on Tun Abdul Razak and his legacy

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PETALING JAYA: A stellar line-up of guests including film stars, filmmakers and politicians turned up at the Golden Screen Cinemas' Signature movie theatre at the Gardens Mall on Monday to catch a sneak preview of a new documentary entitled A Leader's Legacy: Tun Abdul Razak.

The documentary, which was made by the National Geographic Channel, the Ministry of Information, Communications and Culture, and the National Film

Development Corporation Malaysia (Finas) in association with Astro, sheds light and reveals more about Malaysia's second prime minister, the late Tun Abdul Razak.

The one-hour documentary which was shot in High-Definition (HD) shows how the nation's "Father Of Development" as he is fondly known overcame all kinds of obstacles such as walking for hours to school when he was a student. It shows him climbing up the political ladder of success,

helping our nation to grow economically besides uniting Malaysians to enable them to put behind the horrors of May 13.

The film has plenty of interviews with people who knew him and footage depicting him and his friendship with our first prime minister Tunku Abdul Rahman. Interestingly, it uses a unique filmmaking style which makes the photos almost life-like.

The informative documentary also shows how Tun Abdul Razak, who is the father of our current prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, navigated our nation towards democracy while helping Malaysia to be free of communist insurgency.

"As we rise towards achieving the 1Malaysia vision, it is essential for the nation to appreciate the personal sacrifices and dedication of our pioneering leaders.

"I would like to commend National Geographic Channel for bringing this truly inspiring story of Tun Abdul Razak, his patriotism and legacy to all Malaysians and the world," said Minister of Information, Communication and Culture Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim.

Justin Ong, the director of the film said, "It is an honour and a privilege to be able to share with fellow Malaysians a story that has so much depth and emotional connection. I feel this story is both inspiring and important, especially to my generation who did not live in that era.

"My passion has always been in the making of high-quality documentary films that profile unique facets of Malaysia, and the story about Tun Abdul Razak has fulfilled part of my dreams."

"The documentary will be available in Bahasa Malaysia and English language tracks, with a special guest presentation in Bahasa Malaysia by the iconic newscaster Wan Zaleha Radzi."

"A Leader's Legacy: Tun Abdul Razak is part of National Geographic

Channel's programming line-up in celebration of the country's 53rd Independence Day. The programme A Nation Rises: Malaysia is a daily segment featuring top-rated local documentaries aired exclusively on Astro

Channel 553," Ong added.

The documentary was produced by Lina Teoh.

The documentary will be aired on National Geographic Channel (Channel 553 on Astro) on Aug 31, Sept 5 and Sept 16 at 9pm.

Guests including Datuk Shuhaimi Baba of Pontianak Harum Sundal Malam 1 and 2 fame, Joanna Bessey and many others turned up to catch the documentary.

The event saw Finas director-general Mohd Mahyidin Mustakim, director & territory head of Fox International Channels and National Geographic Channel Asia Basil Chua, Ong, Astro content management group vice-president Agnes Rozario, and producer Lina Teoh launching the documentary together.

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